# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5362
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SUGGESTIONS MADE BY FOREIGN COMPANIES ON DTH
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the News Television India, the owner of Star TV and other foreigntelecasting companies have suggested the Government to take a fresh look at the recently announced guidelines on DTH;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the current guidelines would restrict FDI inflow in the new sector; and

(e) if so, the further action likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): No Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) & (e): The total foreign investment including FDI/NRI/OCB/FII in the DTH broadcasting is proposed not to be more than 49%, in which the share of the FDI will notexceed 20%. The primary objective in allowing DTH broadcasting is to enable citizensto have benefit of DTH services, consistent with national interest. The quantum of FDI inflow is of secondary importance only.